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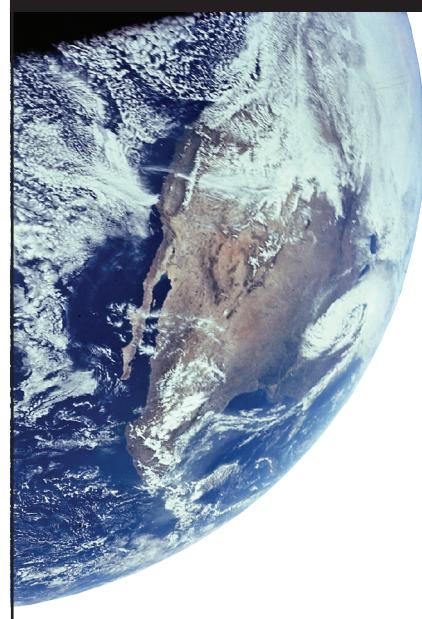
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**UTM CELEBRATES**

Earth Week

*Speakers to focus on
resource conservation,
sustainable living***Jay Baker**
Entertainment WriterEarth Week will bring
speakers, panel discussions
and possibly a
renewed student group
to campus.The keynote speaker
for Earth Week will be
Brian Czech, a
conservation biologist
for the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service. Czech
is also the author of
the book, "Shoveling Fuel
for a Runaway Train:
Errant Economists,
Shameful Spenders and
a Plan to Stop Them All."Czech's speech
will be "Earth Day
2006: The Mounting
Conflict between
Economic Growth
and Environmental
Protection and the role
of International Diplomacy
in Establishing an
American Steady State
Economy."Czech is also the presi-
dent of the Center for
the Advancement of theSteady State Economy,
whose mission is to edu-
cate policy-makers on
the conflict between eco-
nomic growth and envi-
ronmental protection.A former UTM student
organization may be
seeing a comeback during
Earth Week. Project
Recycle was at one time a
very active group on
campus and deeply involved
in helping the recycling
program at UTM take off,
said Dennis Kosta, custodial
manager for the UTM Physical
Plant and head of the
recycling program."Recycling is something
that takes all of us
working together. If we
are going to see our envi-
ronment last for our chil-
dren and their children
we all have to work to
set an example for everyone,"
Kosta said.The group's first meet-
ing will take place after
Czech's speech in the
lobby of Cooper Hall.**Brian Czech****Schedule of Events****Monday, April 17**
• 1 p.m.
Stephanie McCullough
"Composting & Recycling"
Watkins Auditorium• 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Dr. Marge Davis
"Tennessee Bottle Bill"
Watkins Auditorium**Tuesday, April 18**• 6 - 7 p.m.
Dr. Kevin Stevens
"Service Learning
& Green Architecture"
UC 111**Wednesday, April 19**• 2 - 3 p.m.
Dr. Peggy Hamlett
"Value-Added Agriculture"
Watkins Auditorium• 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Andrew Couch
"Bio Fuels"
Watkins Auditorium**Thursday, April 20**• 4-5:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion
"Improving the Environment"
Watkins Auditorium

• 7 p.m.

Brian Czech
"Shoveling Fuel for
a Runaway Train"
Humanities Auditorium**"Earth Day"
is April 22**

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we have made and create new visions
to accelerate environmental progress.
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new actions. Earth Day and every day
is a time to act to protect our planet.

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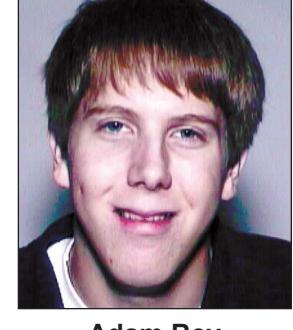
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"Earth Week"
events, while
not as noted as
"Earth Day," are
traditionally held
during the third
week of April.

Tax day looms for working students

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff WriterApril has rolled around and
for many students this means
that it is time, once again, to
file their taxes. This can be an
uneasy time for those students
who, now on their own, are fil-
ing for the first time."I'm scared to file my taxes
because I don't know what I
am doing, and I don't want the
IRS to send me to jail," said
Lindsay Griffith, a Family and
Consumer Sciences major from
Cordova.Fortunately, for Griffith and
others like her, the tax prepara-
tion process can be easier than
many believe. With the help of
the federal government's online
reference, www.irs.gov, you can
be your own accounting pro-**Your Money**fessional and zip through tax
season unscathed.First, it is important to note
that unless you have made over
a certain amount of money you
do not need to file at all."You only have to file if you
have made anything over \$600,"
said Brad Livingston, a UTM
alumnus and certified profes-
sional accountant.If you fall into that category,
then bust out your W-2's and
head to the nearest computer
because Livingston suggests
that students use online tax
paying."Filing online is pretty self-
explanatory. It is more accurate
than filing on paper, and you
get your refund check faster,"
Livingston said.A list of online payment sites
are available on the IRS Web
site.For students who have a large
income, trade stocks, and have
any other tax document other
than a W-2, Livingston recom-
mends getting a professional to
prepare their taxes.The deadline this year to file
taxes is Monday, April 17, so
be sure to have any envelopes
postmarked for this date.For other tax tips and sug-
gestions, the IRS Web site has
a link for students on its home
page.Most importantly, just keep in
mind that in the end a fat tax
refund check could be your just
rewards for being a model citizen
and reminding the federal
government that it owes you
money.**International Affairs**

Student soldier to speak today

*Adam Roy learned vital
management principles
while serving in Iraq***Staff Reports****Adam Roy**UTM student Adam
Roy, of Jackson, will
speak about his expe-
riences in Iraq at 4
p.m. April 11 in the
Legislative Chambers
of the UC.Roy returned from
the war in November.
Roy hopes to raise
awareness for the
troops and relate how
his experiences at UTM
have helped him.While serving in the
Army, Roy received the
Army Commendation
Medal, the Army
Good Conduct
Medal, the Army
Reserve Components
Achievement Medal,
the National Defense
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Overseas Service
Ribbon, the Armed
Forces Reserve Medal
with M Device,
the Global War on
Terrorism Service
Medal and the Iraq
Campaign Medal.
Since his tour of duty,
Roy has been honorably
discharged.His appearance
is sponsored by the
American Democracy**If You Go****Date & Time**
Today
April 11
4 p.m.**Location**
Legislative
Chambers
(UC 111)Project (ADP). ADP's
initiative is to create
intellectual and experi-
ential understandings
of civic engagement.For more information,
contact Dr. Michael McCullough
at mccullo@utm.edu
or 881-7325.

SGA elections to begin April 12

Staff ReportsThe campaign trail
comes to an end this
week as polls open for
the Student Government
Association.Students will vote by
college this Wednesday
and Thursday, April 12-13.
Runoff elections are
set for Friday, April 14,
if needed, which is also
the Good Friday holi-
day.All senators and Executive Council
members serve one-year terms.Of the 22 Senate seats, one race in the College
of Humanities and Fine Arts is contested, with all
other races in Senate being unopposed.The College of Humanities and Fine Arts is
allotted three Senate seats based on the number
of students with majors falling under the col-
lege's oversight, and six candidates are running
for those three seats.Even after the elections, one seat will remain
vacant in the College of Business and Public
Affairs, as well as in the College of Education and
Behavioral Sciences.**Elections****Date & Time**
Wednesday
and Thursday
April 12-13
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**Locations**
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First Floor UC

Our View

Editorial: Changes in Housing rules would be welcome

We recently learned of an idea being kicked around the Administration Building about dropping the second-year requirement for off-campus living. Under the current policy, first-time students are required to live on-campus for two years.

If the change is approved, the area's rental companies stand to benefit the most. While on-campus living is cost effective, the allure of being free of visitation rules may cause many to jump ship.

We believe that the second-year requirement should be dropped for students in good academic standing. The on-campus living experience gives greater access to academic resources, while living off campus may leave some

Dropping the second-year requirement for living on campus would benefit students

Students eager to move should carefully consider the extra costs and risks of renting. While the university can accept scholarship money at any time of the year, a landlord isn't likely to be forgiving if your rent is a few weeks past due.

If a student lives off campus, he or she should make an effort to remain involved with events on campus. Far too often our campus is labeled a "suitcase college," a reference to how often our students pack up and go home.

No matter where you choose to live, find time to enjoy the freedoms that come from being in college and stay involved.

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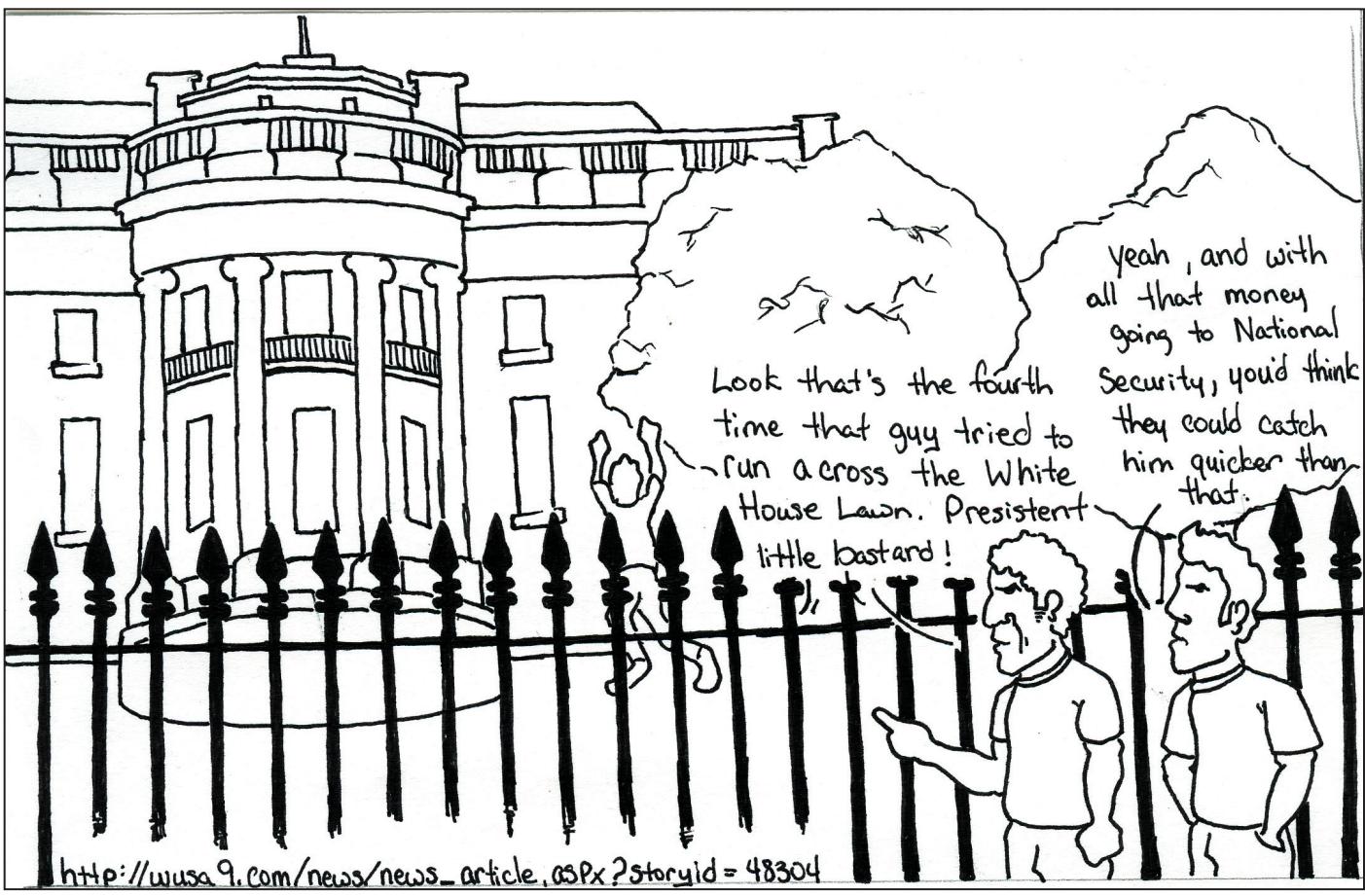
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Letters to the Editor

UTM tornado victims remembered by alumnus

I just wanted to let the Pacer staff know that I thought it was great of you guys to inform us about Jodi and Jeremy Price. Anyone who knew them will tell you what great people they were.

I especially knew Jodi. Jodi was my lil' sis in Alpha Phi Omega. She was always such a joy to be around. Her smile would light up the room or make you smile when you had a hard day. She always gave 110 percent on everything she did. There should be more people like her in this world.

I would encourage everyone to contribute to the scholarship fund.

To the Price and Fleming families, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jason Smith
Clarksville

Connections help for students' job search

Anyone preparing to graduate soon is most likely well acquainted with the ins and outs of job hunting.

If you're very lucky, you've already got a job lined up and waiting for you. On the other hand, if you're like most of us, you have no idea where you'll end up or what you'll be doing. This is where having connections comes into play.

In the business world, having connections makes all the difference in who gets a job, or even gets their foot in the door. It's not necessarily fair but it's true all the same. You can have great grades, a good portfolio,

Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

lio, experience, and campus involvement, but sometimes it's just not enough. There are always exceptions, of course.

Many great people have proved their intelligence to the world without having connections, and maybe you'll be one of them. It's a tough road but not impossible.

If you think back, knowing the "right" people starts

when you're young. Your parents may or may not have been able to get you into the right pre-school, depending on who they knew. The coach's son was always first up to bat while a factory worker's son may not have even gotten the chance to play, and the director's niece got the lead in the play while another girl was cast as an extra. And in school, if you wanted to be popular, you had to hang with the "cool crowd."

Family connections top the list. Just think about how many people who are famous and have family connections. Kate Hudson, Chelsea Clinton, Jamie Lee

Curtis, the list goes on and on. Not to say that these people aren't talented and intelligent in their own right, but having connections certainly didn't hurt their careers.

Most of us weren't born into a famous family and therefore don't have that built-in chance to succeed. We'll have to join the hundreds of thousands of others who did it the old-fashioned way and worked hard to get where they are, whether they're famous or not. Still, making those connections is essential in today's world. It never hurts to have an edge on your competition.

Reality television is a warped view of reality

If you turn on the television and do some casual channel surfing, you are sure to find one type of show for certain - a reality show.

It seems like all producers and screen writers have their mental gears stuck on reality TV. I am a fan of some reality shows, but others seem to become more of an "air all of business on television so I can be famous" feel about them.

For instance, I became

Kenetra Robertson
Guest Columnist

addicted to the VH1 reality show "The Flavor of Love." How anyone could even consider Public Enemy rapper Flavor Flav attractive is beyond me, but I know I wasn't the only student at home on Sunday nights waiting to catch a glimpse

of the desperate antics done by the contestants. Viewer "favorite" on the show, Tiffany (a.k.a. New York) seemed to keep Flav under her spell while she caused others to lose their lunches by being a lovesick, obsessive wacko each week.

Even though she lost, she is trying to turn her luck around by petitioning to have her own reality TV show. That is absolutely ridiculous. Why on earth

does she deserve her own show?

Flav and the winning contestant, Nicole (a.k.a. Hoopz) decided the timing was not right for their relationship so Flav will be at it again trying to find a "real" woman.

Just because you stick a camera in front of someone doesn't mean they are going to be "real." In this day, I guess some people are willing to take fame any way they can get it.

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On March 25 and 26, undergraduate and alumni members of the UTM chapter of Kappa Alpha Order, along with most of the other southeastern KA chapters, traveled to Lake Charles, La., for the 36th Annual Conway Lebleu Memorial Softball Tournament.

The alumni team representing UTM's Delta Upsilon chapter came away with the first-place trophy.

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'UNBELIEVABLE'

After tornadoes ravage area, students left with loss

Friends remember college sweethearts

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

Death cannot silence the memories of two college sweethearts who will forever be remembered as being larger than life.

Former UTM students Jeremy Price and his wife, Jodi Fleming Price, both 27, were killed on April 2 as severe weather, including three tornadoes, swept upper West Tennessee, killing 24 people total and damaging or destroying about 1,000 homes and businesses.

Friends of Jodi and Jeremy remember them as being people that anyone could always count on if they needed anything. UTM alumna Melody Holliday attended college with Jodi and Jeremy, and was in Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity with Jodi.

"She was a sister to me. Jodi never met a stranger. She was friends with everybody," Holliday said. She said that having Jodi around was always comforting. "Jodi was a very carefree person in the sense that she did not let things bother her," Holliday said. "She took me under her wing and helped make me the person that I am today."

UC Director Steve Vantrease has been the adviser for the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity for several years. Jodi was president of Alpha Phi Omega for three years. Vantrease said that Jodi had an amazing way of working with other people.

"Whether we were working together on a service project, social event or just talking about things, Jodi's wonderful outlook on life and willingness to be with and help others was a joy to experience. She gained respect and trust through

her words and actions. If there were a UTM student hall of fame, Jodi would be my nominee," Vantrease said.

UTM student Josh Davis said he has lost two of his best friends, but he is also quick to remember the positive times that he shared with Jeremy and Jodi. "Jeremy was always hunting and fishing. Anytime he was going out, Jodi was right behind him with a gun or a fishing pole in her hand, too," Davis said.

Davis recalled a time when he and another friend, John Mullins, were fishing at Garrett Lake. Davis said that he and Mullins had been fishing for quite a while and not caught anything. "Price shows up and catches a five-pound bass on the first cast," Davis said laughing.

Davis also told the story of being with Jeremy during a very important moment in Jeremy's life. "I remember going with him to Paducah to get the engagement ring for Jodi. When we walked in the mall, it was a little cloudy outside. When we came outside there was about six inches of snow on the ground ... It took us forever to get back from Paducah through all the snow," Davis said.

Holliday and Davis both laughed when asked to talk about how Jodi and Jeremy met. "Their first two dates were canceled," Holliday said. "The first time, she got the dates mixed up and agreed to go on a date the same time that she had a big test. The second time, Jeremy had to cancel the date because he was running late. I think he was on his way back from fishing."

Despite some initial scheduling conflicts with their first dates, it was obvious early on that Jeremy



Jeremy and Jodi Price posed for a photograph that hung in Jodi's locker at Huish Detergents, where both worked before they died in an April 2 tornado.

"They were larger than life. They were full of joy."

— April Canada, co-worker

and Jodi were meant to be together. "I can remember her telling me that she was going to marry him. She said she didn't know when or where, but she was going to marry him," Holliday said.

"They were larger than life. They were full of joy. They had more joy in their life than people probably have in their entire lifetime. You felt like you knew them your whole life," said UTM alumna April Canada, who worked with both Jeremy and Jodi at Huish Detergents in Dyersburg.

Canada was also quick to mention that Jodi and Jeremy were always there to help others. Canada says that Jodi called one of her co-workers who was extremely scared of storms to see if she was OK, just before the tornado hit. Canada says that Jodi told the co-worker, "Call if you need us."

Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs David

Belote and many friends from UTM attended the services for Jodi and Jeremy. "It was a blessing to witness the family's strength, character and faith. After having spent some time with the families it was easy to surmise how Jeremy and Jodi came to be who they were. They were able to touch so many in their short time and I have to believe that the lives they lived were of faith and service to others," Belote said.

Vantrease said that Jodi recently stopped by campus and visited with him. "It was good to see her. I feel so fortunate to have seen and visited with her. Sometimes you don't get a second chance," Vantrease said.

The families have requested that any memorial gifts be directed to the Jeremy and Jodi Price Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the Somerville First Baptist Church.

Storms claim lives of friends, family

Elaine Wilson
Staff Writer

The tornadoes that hit Dyer and Gibson counties last week left a path of destruction 25 miles long, taking the lives of 24 West Tennesseans and leaving dozens of others homeless and in shock.

Current students were also deeply affected. Freshman Cassie Sherron, 19, a Psychology major, lost both parents and a nephew Sunday night. Her parents, Eddie and Vicki Sherron, along with her 11-month-old nephew Lucas, were killed when the tornado destroyed their home in Newbern. At the memorial service last Wednesday, the line of mourners waiting to pay their respects spilled out onto the street and down the block.

UTM student Chelsey Elliott's mother was also killed in the storms. UTM employee Janice Sims' sister and sister-in-law were killed as well, as was UTM alumna Janie King, who was an employee of the Department of Education and was housed in Clement Hall.

Local businesses and victims' co-workers have taken the lead in supplying assistance. John Huish, who lost two employees, Jeremy and Jodi Price, closed the factory to allow mourners to attend that funeral, gave \$15,000 in aid and announced that co-workers had organized a barbecue sale with all proceeds and other cash donations to benefit the Red Cross. Other businesses, both large and small, are making donations, holding fundraisers and collecting much-needed supplies.

National and local agencies and charitable organizations are amassing to offer any assistance that the tornado victims need.

As the community bands together to help and protect their own, relatives of the deceased, homeless and injured, have spread across the county to search for belongings and clear debris. Any mementos that are found are being brought to the local grocery store and displayed in hopes that the owners can claim them. Volunteers are pouring in from other areas, bringing with them donations and supplies and serving to help clear debris, work in construction and help with emotional support.

Pam Miotti, a resident of Newbern, said that although she'd been through other tornadoes, she'd never seen anything like this. "This whole thing is unbelievable. It's like a really bad show you're watching on TV, except that you can't change the channel. No matter where you go it's still there."

"It's like a really bad show you're watching on TV, except that you can't change the channel."

- Pam Miotti

How can I help?

Jay Baker
Entertainment Writer

After the deadly storms that devastated parts of West Tennessee, some students may wish to volunteer to help with the clean-up process.

A good place to start would be to call the Obion/Weakley county chapter of the American Red Cross at 885-5113. Monetary donations can also be sent here at West Washington, Union City, Tenn. 38261.

You may also call Wendell Jellison, the pastor at Former United Pentecostal Church, 225 Chester Street, Greenfield. His church is serving as a distribution center for nonperishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, dog food, shovels, rakes and bottled water.

If you are going to be in Dyer County, then stop by the United Service Center in the Family Living Center at the Dyersburg Fairgrounds to volunteer at the service center there.

For general information or referral, call United Way of West Tennessee at 422-1816.

Campus Bulletin Board

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Woodwind ensemble

There will be a woodwind ensemble at 8 p.m. today in the Harriet Fulton Theater. Admission is free.

Allies

UTM's gay, lesbian, bisexual

and transsexual social and activist group, will meet at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in Sociology 102.

Nursing day

"Excellence in Nursing through Advanced Practice" will be the theme of a day of speakers presented by the nursing class of 2006. Speakers begin at 9:30 a.m. April 24 in the Watkins Auditorium. Admission is free, and nursing students are urged to attend.

Car Bash

The UTM Anime Club is

sponsoring a car bash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday between Ellington and McCord Halls. \$1 gets three hits, \$5 gets 20 hits. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross.

Financial aid

The Financial Aid Office has Perkins loan money still available for the spring and summer semesters. If you are interested in receiving Perkins loans, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

Charity car wash

Alpha Omicron Pi is hosting

a car wash to support the Relay for Life and research funded by the Arthritis Foundation. The car wash will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 at the Martin Wal-Mart. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 on the day of the car wash.

Optimist Club

The Optimist Club will be meeting for breakfast at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 18 in UC 125.

Sociology Louisiana trip

The Sociology Club is planning a trip to Louisiana April 19-22 to tour LSU and

volunteer in New Orleans.

Students wishing to participate should attend the Sociology Club meeting at noon on Wednesday in Sociology Building 112.

Elam Center Spring Holiday hours

The Elam Center will close at 5 p.m. Thursday for the Spring Holiday, and it will remain closed the remainder of the weekend. The pool will be open only from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and will be closed Friday through Sunday.



Photos courtesy the (Milan) Mirror-Exchange

A Sunday, April 2 tornado destroyed 23 homes in Bradford, Tenn., and damaged 500 homes. Bradford experienced one of several tornadoes that hit the area. In all, 24 people across West Tennessee were killed.

All-Sing benefits local charities, Chi Omega takes top award

Alys Hill
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia presented the 45th Annual All Sing this past Saturday night in the UTM Field House.

This year's theme was gospel, and it featured an array of gospel music, featuring everything from hymns to contemporary Christian.

The money raised from this year's All Sing went to Weakley County Habitat for Humanity.

"We are happy to be the charity for All Sing," says Corey Stout, representing Habitat. "Thank you for the money you all have given for us to be able to put roofs over families' heads' in Weakley County."

Another Habitat representative and UTM math professor, Dr. John Schommer, thanked the audience for their contributions. "After Hurricane Katrina hit, many local charities held their breaths to see what support would be given. Remember that our neighbors here in Weakley County need help, too."

The president of Alpha Phi Omega and some alumni dedicated this year's performances to the late Jodi Fleming Price and her husband, Jeremy Price. Fleming Price was a former President and advisor of the organization. The couple was killed in the tornadoes that ripped through West



MEGHAN GREEN / The Pacer

Chi Omega performs during this year's gospel-themed All-Sing, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha. Chi O sang "He Never Failed Me Yet," "Keep the Candle Burning" and "Go Light Your World." Chi O won the "Judges' Choice Award," formerly known as "Best of Show. They won second in the sorority division, finishing behind Alpha Omicron Pi. Sigma Phi Epsilon finished first in the fraternity division.

Tennessee on April 2. The audience took a moment of silence to remember all those affected by this recent disaster.

"We want to honor Jodi and Jeremy as we sing tonight," said Christy Reed, Alpha Phi Omega advisor and friend of Jodi. She later told the crowd to "be thankful through everything."

Alpha Omicron Pi took home first place in the sorority division. Chi Omega

took home second place and the "Judge's Choice Award." The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon took home first place in the fraternity division.

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi kicked off the competition in their black dresses with a blue ribbon to give the effect of an empire waist. Before they began, they dedicated their performance to fellow recently deceased sister and UTM alumni, Melinda

Garrett. They began by singing "Amazing Grace" while sitting on the risers. They continued with songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Go Rest High on That Mountain," and singing while signing "How Great Thou Art." They ended their show with a melody and unique rendition of "Amazing Grace" and "Praise His Holy Name!"

Alpha Omicron Pi was second to perform. They

were dressed in rose red blouses and black dress pants. They began their show by singing, "Shine on Us." Their voices gave powerful performances of "Lord, Most High" and an a capella version of the great hymn "It Is Well." They ended their show with a cross formation on the risers.

The sisters of Chi Omega took the stage next, clad in cardinal red dresses with choir robes in red with a

yellow lining. They began and ended their performance with an upbeat and energetic version of "He Never Failed Me Yet." They also performed "Keep the Candle Burning" and sang while signing "Go Light Your World."

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha took the stage after an intermission. They dressed in black dress pants, blue blouses, with short-sleeved black shrugs. They delivered great performances of some classic hymns such as "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "The Old Rugged Cross." They ended their performance by singing and signing "Because He Lives."

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon were the only group in the fraternity division. They took the stage in green and white classic choir robes. In their deep voices, they began with "Come, Now is the Time to Worship." They gave an upbeat version of "Wade in the Water" and "Hale, Hale, Hallelujah." They ended their show with "Awesome God."

While the scores were being tallied, David Belote presented senior English major, Jason Adkins, with the Beth Malone Student Employee Award. Adkins served as the technical assistant in the Hortense-Parrish Writing Center on campus. He won a \$500 cash prize and a plaque to recognize his achievement.

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Pacer staff meetings are at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in Gooch 314. All are welcome.

Dunagan names spring outstanding employees



McClure



Baker

Staff Reports

Chancellor Nick Dunagan named the Spring 2006 outstanding employees April 7.

The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university each semester, are awarded to two employees each semester.

This semester's recipients are Gina McClure, director of Campus Recreation, and Mary Baker, administrative assistant II in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems.

McClure's nomination said that McClure "not only gives more than required in her professional capacity, but is sought by students and staff for mentoring, advising, as a confidant or just a sympathetic ear."

Baker's application included such comments as, "Mary always puts others before herself and truly exemplifies the qualities we should all strive to show."

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

10:14 a.m., April 4

University St.

Roger L. Winstead was issued a citation for a crosswalk violation (City Court).

2:27 p.m., April 4

University Village

Subject reported the loss of personal property. Investigation continues.

8:44 p.m., April 4

Student Life Building

Abner Smith, Corey Hill and Adrian Ward were issued criminal summons for simple assault (General Sessions Court).

2:10 p.m., April 6

Browning Hall

Inman D. Jones and Diana S. McLaurin were arrested for two counts of burglary and one count of theft of property (General Sessions Court).

10:07 a.m., April 7

Lot 12

Vehicle towed because of excessive traffic tickets.

3:41 p.m., April 8

Browning Hall

Request on a welfare check on a subject. The subject was located and had returned home.

1:40 a.m., April 9

Lee St.

Daniel Atkins was issued citations for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and for underage drinking. Ginger Burch was issued a citation for possession of marijuana, and Grady Reed was issued a citation for possession of marijuana (General Sessions Court).

1:52 a.m., April 1

EPS

Report of water damage caused by a faulty hose. Report on file.

11:40 p.m.

University Village

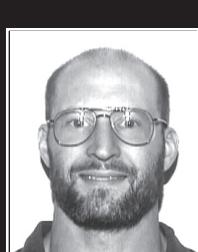
Report of a subject who had suffered an injury was treated at the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER'S SPRING 2006 TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

The Brothers of Kappa Alpha would once again like to recognize a few professors for the hard work and dedication they put in to making UTM's campus one of the best in the nation.



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Seniors show that art is more than an act; it's a feeling

Yoshiki Fujita
Staff Writer

Three senior Graphic Design majors, Dwan Anderson, Jee Seon Kwak, and James Reynolds, displayed their works at the Fine Arts Building Tuesday, April 4.

"I chose to become an Art major because I like to learn new things," said Reynolds. "Art was the least thing I knew."

He says he has been a graphic artist since 2002. After four years of learning graphic design, he said he has learned a lot about art, as he wrote in his artist statement.

"As a graphic designer I strive to create innovative designs which stimulate both the mind and the eye," said Reynolds. "I feel that

art is an experience for both viewers and artists. It has the ability to induce a state of mind which transcends logical reality, thus creating a flood of imagination and emotion. In some cases these experiences have the ability to change the way the world is viewed and in turn change the world."

Reynolds works are a self-portrait, book cover, product catalog, box, brochure, postcard, billboard, letterhead, photograph, poster, table lamp, and others.

"My definition of art is anything a human has created with his or her own hands," said Anderson in his artist's statement. "I was never good at drawing pictures and other drawings but I learned a few techniques from my teachers and friends in art class."

If he could use one title for all of his works displayed, he said he would title them "Say Hello to My Little Friend." Anderson's works are self-portrait, book cover, business card, box design, billboard, magazine cover, postcard, brochure, and so on.

He concludes his artist statement by saying that "I really like designing things on the computer. Now that art is a big part of my life I am having lots of fun with it."

"Graphic Design is a very interesting experience to me," wrote Jee Seon Kwak in her artist statement. She had studied art in Korea before she came to UTM.

Kwak said she chose to become a Computer Graphic major because of its creativity as she expresses

es in her artist statement, "In my exhibition, I tried to show my various creative experiences."

Kwak's works displayed are self-portrait, package design, hanging tag design, letterhead, logo design, painting, photograph, book cover design. She said she likes her hanging tag designs the best.

"Now Computer Graphic has become an indispensable design world, it is creating, performing and participating in the Arts. Then I tried to make my works based on these forms," wrote Kwak in her artist statement.

Even though Kwak said she likes painting and drawing the best, it looks like Computer Graphic was another form of art that she experienced during her



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Graphic Design seniors Dwan Anderson, Jee Seon Kwak and James Reynolds showcase their talents at their senior art exhibit, now in the Fine Arts Building.

time here at UTM, and she really enjoyed it.

"Designing is not only computer tools, it is also communications," wrote

Kwak in her artist statement.

Their works run through April 15. The exhibitions are definitely worth it.

The show must go on, no matter what

Despite a bout with allergies, Rosalyn Lake still put on quite a show for her audience.

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

Rosalyn Lake battled her ailments to present her senior voice recital March 20 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

Lake, a Vocal Music Education major from Millington, performed songs in Latin, German, French and English. The pieces were selected by Lake and Amy Yeung, Lake's music teacher.

"She (Yeung) tries to find pieces that are really suitable for the person singing them," Lake said.

Lake opened the recital with "O Praise the Lord" by Wolfgang Mozart, followed by "Your Blue Eye," "Like a Melody it Flows Through Me" and "A Futile Stand" by German composer Johannes Brahms.

Next Lake performed three selections from French composers. She sang Gabriel Faure's "Here Below" and Reynaldo Hahn's "If My Verses

Had Wings," with Claude Debussy's "It is Languorous Ecstasy" preceding a brief intermission.

"They are not very easy to interpret," Yeung said. "I think she can actually feel the songs and convey that to her audience."

"Expressions are needed in the music and she shows it," said Daniel Burke, a freshman Finance and Economics major from Springfield.

After intermission Lake performed part of "Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson" by American composer Aaron Copland. She sang "Nature, the Gentlest Mother," "The World Feels Dusty," "Heart, We Will Forget Him" and "I Felt a Funeral in My Brain."

The recital ended with "It Ain't Necessarily So" by American composer George Gershwin. Lake was accompanied on piano by faculty accompanist Delana Easley.

Lake was nearly forced to postpone the recital

because of allergies that caused her to lose her voice for several weeks.

"I was not able to talk when we went on spring break," Lake said. Over the break she could only memorize and work on expressing the pieces physically.

"It would have been nice to have a little more practice time," Lake said.

Lake said the allergies also prevented her from hitting some of the high notes during the recital.

"I was really kind of horse and if you were there you saw that many of the notes weren't coming out," she said.

Yeung agreed. "It may have affected her high notes a little bit, but she covered it up well," Yeung said.

Lake drew rave reviews from audience members despite her allergies.

"Rosalyn did a good job of bringing out the character in the pieces," said Linda Farmer, a senior Music major from Dresden.

"She's had allergies and her voice has been gone for the past two months," said Sarah Lemons, a Vocal Music Education major from Brentwood.

"It only came back last week. It's pretty incredible."

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Fraternity brothers crown the first ever Miss Omega

Angela Harris takes the honor of being the first Miss Omega crowned

Ashley Hodges
Staff Writer

The men of Omega Psi Phi fraternity held their annual Miss Omega pageant at 7 p.m. on April 6 in the Watkins Auditorium.

At no cost at all, the crowd could watch some of UTM's young ladies grace the stage. The four contestants who participated were Shavonda Nathaniel, Angela Harris, Andrea Johnson and Taneisha Baker.

There were the standard categories such as talent and evening wear. Each young lady brought their own interesting personalities to the stage.

Nathaniel sang a song by Erykah Badu, in which she managed to incorporate the fraternities' nickname. A definite crowd pleaser was an inspirational dance per-



formed by Angela Harris, who was later crowned Miss Omega.

The contestants had to show their character with the questions they were asked. For instance, Harris was asked what her goals in life are how she plans to attain them.

Other questions were not so serious. One such question was, "If you could be

any animal, what would you be and why?"

Third runner-up went to Taneisha Baker, second and Miss Congeniality went to Andrea Johnson, and first went to Shavonda Nathaniel.

"When I saw that I was about to be crowned Miss Omega, I was honestly shocked," said Harris. "This was a wonderful experience. The other girls and I had a good time together." Harris plans to graduate from UTM with her degree in Criminal Justice and one day own her own law firm.

"We appreciate everyone coming out in the rain to our event, and I want to send a special thanks to the women who contributed their time to help us pull off a great occasion," said Arthaniel Bailey, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

To learn more about the fraternity, check out their official website at www.oopf.org.

New Spike Lee flick might be a little different than what you're used to

Ashley Hodges
Staff Writer

Inside Man is an intriguing film about a hostile bank robbery, and it's up to detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington) and his partner, detective Bill Mitchell (Chiwetel Ejiofor) to take the criminals down.

Once on the scene, Detective Frasier realizes he's not working with amateurs but very clever thieves who put their hostages in jumpsuits identical to the ones they are wearing. Incase police decide to raid the bank. What appears at first to be a typical bank robbery is soon revealed to Frazier as something more.

Once Madeline White, a power broker who works for the owner of the bank appears, detective Frazier knows his suspicions are right. White is permitted to enter the bank after notifying Frazier that she can help him get rid of those nasty

Detective's Bill Mitchell (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington) face off against unusual bank robbers in the new Spike Lee flick *Inside Man*.

allegations being thrown at him about missing money on his job.

White tries to convince the robbers to hand over the secret document that they possess so that she can give it to her boss who needs it before it is leaked.

The film has the usual Spike Lee touches to it, showing parts of the movie ahead of time such as interrogating the hostages in the middle of the film while they are actually still

Musicians find new way to get their message out to the fans

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment
Editor

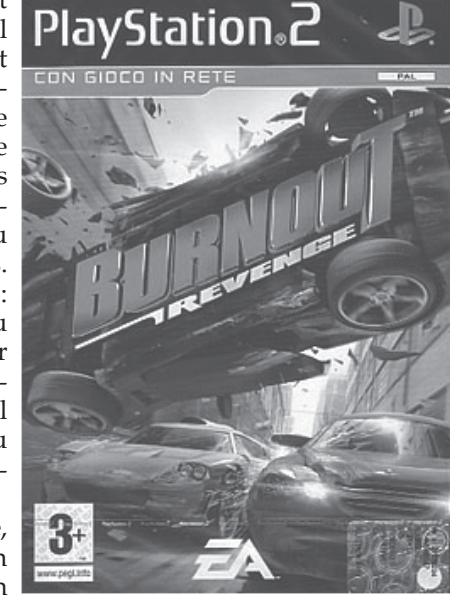
First, it was MTV, which stood for Music Television. Then it turned into Teen's Going Crazy TV. And what about VH1? Now it's the 'I Love the (Insert a noun here)" and Celebreality TV. The only way to catch a music video these days is to get up really early or stay up really late.

So what's a musician to do?

Thankfully, they have a new platform in which to spread their music to the masses: video games.

Sound crazy? Think again. Take 'Burnout: Revenge' for example. The playlist on this reads like a who's-who in rock music. You've got bands like Avenged Sevenfold, Fall Out Boy and the Doors, who should be recognized by anyone who's been near a radio lately. You also have groups like Thrice and Finch, who may not be quite as well known, but still have a pretty large fanbase. Of course, you've got the groups that most of you have never heard of. But I can guarantee that there's at least one person who heard a new song on this game and went and downloaded it from iTunes that night.

Another example comes from the video game



EA's "Burnout: Revenge" includes a soundtrack of today's top hits, including the preview of Yellowcard's "Lights and Sounds"

into the same demographic as those who go out and buy the new My Chemical Romance CD the day it comes out?

Why is it just rock music? Why not opera, pop, or country? Let's face it. If you want to hear techno-pop, you're going to have to buy "Dance, Dance Revolution" or "Karaoke Revolution."

So maybe you can't see Jack Johnson sing backwards, or watch the bassist of Fall Out Boy turn into a vampire. But at least there's still somewhere to get to hear some good music.

Baseball drops conference series to EKU Colonels

Jose Irvin
Staff Writer

UTM completed its three game series against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky this weekend with three straight losses. They finished with an overall record of 10-20 and an OVC record of 4-5.

The first two games of the series were played on Saturday afternoon as a double header. In game one the Skyhawks fell to the Colonels 4-2. Starting pitcher Adam Ledlow only managed to pitch three innings for UTM before being ejected for arguing with an umpire.

Ledlow allowed three runs on two hits and three walked batters in his shortened day. Eric Walker did a great job in relief, as he pitched six innings, allowing only one run on five hits and no walks.

EKU's pitcher, Scott Goetz, pitched six and one-third innings, allowing only two runs on seven hits and eight strikeouts.

Catcher Chris Rezabek was 2-of-4 with an RBI and center fielder Zach Dean was 2-of-3 and scored a run for UTM. The Skyhawks left 8 runners on base compared to just 3 for Eastern Ky.

In game two of the afternoon double header UTM lost 5-1. The Skyhawks faced the Colonel's undefeated pitcher, Chris Friedrich. Friedrich entered the game with a 5-0 record

and 1.64 ERA. In only 6 innings of work he managed to strike out 10 batters, while only allowing one run on seven hits.

Eastern Kentucky jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after their catcher, Joe Oliver, hit a three-run homer in the top of the second inning.

UTM pitcher Jacob Smothers pitched a complete game and gave up seven hits and five runs, while walking three batters and striking out two.

The Skyhawks only run in the second game came off of an RBI single to left field by shortstop Lance Renton, which allowed third basemen Douglas Nicodemus to score.

The series finale was held on Sunday afternoon, and the Skyhawks found themselves behind early once again. Through the first six innings the Colonels were ahead 7-1.

Junior Charlie Yarbrough hit



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Junior Lance Renton dives head first towards the base during the weekend series against EKU.

a three-run home run to bust the game wide open and give Eastern Kentucky an 11-1 lead in the eighth inning. The 6'

6", 260 pound first baseman went 3-for-5 in the game with four RBIs.

Chris Rezabek opened the sixth inning with a double, while Blake Turner drove in Rezabek for UTM's first run of the game. Rezabek reached home again in the eighth inning after being hit by a pitch and then driven in by senior Brett Spivy with a single to left field. Rezabek drove in the Skyhawks' third run of the game with a sacrifice fly to left field scoring Jason Moore.

The Skyhawks stranded 11 runners on base in game three en route to an 11-3 series wrap-up against the Colonels.

Pitcher Eric Hash picked up the win for EKU, improving his record to 2-0 on the season. He pitched five innings and gave up two hits and three walks, while striking out three batters.

Ryan Rockholt suffered the loss for the Skyhawks as he pitched five innings and gave up nine hits and five runs. Rockholt only walked one batter while only striking out one in the process.

The Skyhawks returned to action Monday when they hosted Martin Methodist in Savannah at 6 p.m., Monday, April 10 at the Savannah City Park. The Skyhawks will also host Saint Louis University, Tuesday at Skyhawk Field. Action gets under way

Rodeo: Continued from Page 8

College of Southern Idaho.

The women's team moved up a spot to fifth in the region with a total score of 1,060 points.

Currently, Atchison leads the regional men's all-around competition with an individual score of 1,565 and Ashe sits in third with 915 points. The pair is also at first and third, respectively, in the saddle bronc event.

Junior Matt Bright is in third overall in the bareback competition with Fuehring, Ashe and Ratowski in fourth, fifth, and sixth places.

Menz is in fifth in the bull riding event and Quinley, Atchison and freshman Cody Miller are in third, sixth and 11th place in steer wrestling.

Junior Andrew Trainor and senior Joseph Southern are at eighth and 12th in the team roping header category and junior Jordan Southern sits at 11th in the team roping heeler.

Nationally, Atchison is in fourth place in the all-around and third in the saddle bronc. Ashe is 20th in the all-around and 22nd in the saddle bronc.

Bright is sitting at seventh in the bareback riding with Fuehring in 23rd place. Menz is in 15th place in the country in bull riding and Quinley is tied for 20th place in steer wrestling.

Regionally for the women, Todd is in fourth place in barrel racing with sophomore Marie Kerley, junior Meredith Jones and Johnson sitting in 12th, 14th and 15th places respectively.

In the breakaway, Vought is in fourth place with Johnson in 12th and Ashlee Miller tied for 14th. Bacon is in fourth place in the Ozark in goat tying with Vought also in the top-20 at 14th place.

There are three rodeos remaining in the Ozark Region before the College National Finals Rodeo. The finals are scheduled for June 11-17 in Casper, Wyo.

The Skyhawk rodeo team will travel to Mississippi State this weekend, Northwest Mississippi Community College next weekend and end out the year at North Arkansas Community College, April 27-29.

Softball winning streak snapped by Tech's Golden Eaglettes in Cookeville

Brad Hurt
Assistant Sports Editor

The Skyhawk softball team saw its five-game win streak come to an abrupt end this past weekend in Cookeville as the team was swept by first-place Tennessee Tech.

The Golden Eaglettes took the first game by a score of 9-1 in five innings. Skyhawk starting pitcher Ashley Myatt pitched four innings, allowing five runs on seven hits. She also struck out three Golden Eaglettes.

glette hitters.

The Skyhawks fell behind early as Tech scored twice in the first inning and once more in the second inning. The Golden Eagles then added six more runs in the fifth inning to end the game.

Emily Webb drove in the Skyhawks' only run in the fourth inning on a single to left field that scored Justine Pineda from second base.

The second game of Saturday's scheduled double-header was rescheduled for Sunday as part of a double-

header.

The Skyhawks continued to struggle at the plate on Sunday as they managed only eight hits in the two games combined.

Tech won the first game by a score of 5-2 as starter Bonnie Bynum recorded 14 strikeouts and allowed only two hits. She carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning. Young's single came with two outs in the inning and ruined Bynum's no-hit bid.

Both of the Skyhawks' runs came on a home

run by Brandy Whalen in the sixth inning. Jennifer Young reached on a single and then stole second base before Whalen drove her home.

The Golden Eaglettes broke the game open in the third inning, scoring three runs to add to their 1-0 lead. Consecutive singles set up a three-run home run by freshman Danielle Wallace to make the score 4-0 in favor of the Golden Eagles.

Holly Templeton pitched three innings, allowing five runs on seven hits in the

loss. Kara Harper finished the game for the Skyhawks, giving up only one hit over the final three innings.

The Golden Eaglettes completed the sweep with a 4-0 shutout in game three. Sophomore Beth Boden led off the game with a home run to set the tone for the game. A two-run home run in the third inning extended the lead to 3-0. The game's final run came in the fifth inning on a fielder's choice play. The Skyhawks picked up six hits in the game but were unable to capitalize.

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Senior Katrina Domela in the Skyhawks' match against Eastern Kentucky

Women's tennis conference winning streak now at 21

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawks women's tennis team knocked off Eastern Kentucky 5-2 Sunday afternoon in Ohio Valley Conference action at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.

With the win, the Skyhawk women have won nine consecutive OVC matches this year and have now won 21 consecutive matches against OVC schools since the 2005 season.

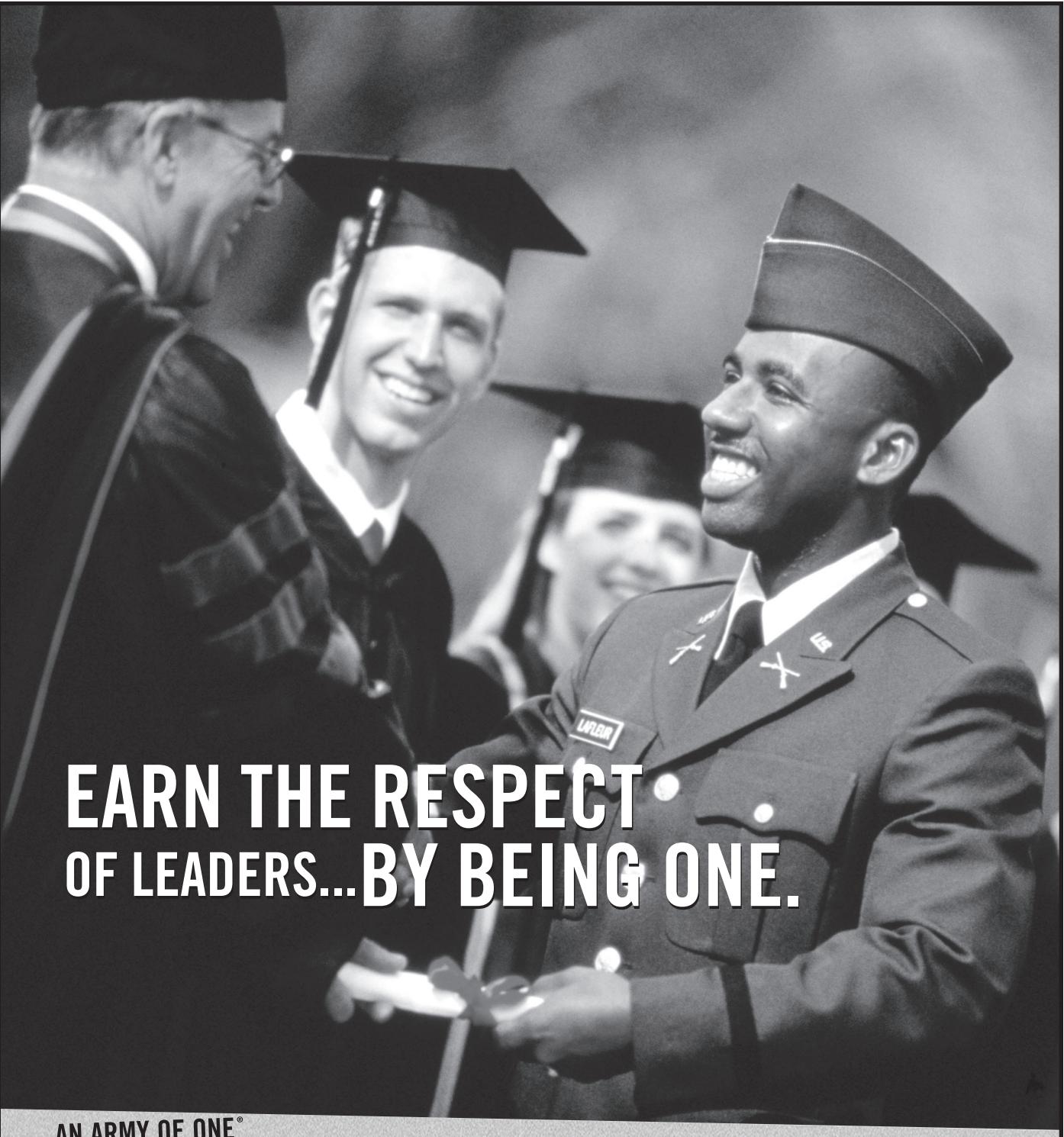
The Skyhawks won the doubles point against Eastern Kentucky with wins at No. 1 and No. 3. Katrina

Domela and Sara Leavy won 8-2 at No. 1 doubles, while Elizma Schoonees and Ernestine Koornhof won 8-0 at No. 3.

In singles action, Leavy won 6-2, 3-6, 10-5 at No. 2.

Schoonees won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4 singles, while Amber Garza won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 and Koornhof claimed a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 6.

The Skyhawk women are 13-2 overall and 9-0 in the OVC. The women returned to action Monday, April 17 when they hosted Tennessee Tech at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.



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Top: Sophomore Boyd Quinley was hotter than a pistol, earning second place in the long go in the steer wrestling event. Middle: Freshman Brent Menz holds on tight during the bull riding event. Bottom: Junior Meredith Jones made the quick turn around the barrel in her fourth place finish.

Skyhawks wrangle competition at home

Cowgirls, boys finish first, third in UTM rodeo

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

The UTM cowgirls and boys picked up first and third places finishes, respectively, this past weekend at the 38th Annual Spring College Rodeo at the McWherter Ag Pavillion.

The women's team victory marks just the third time that they have won their home rodeo and is also the first Ozark Region rodeo win they've captured this year.

"I'm proud of the girl's team. They kept their heads together and got the job done," head coach John Luthi said.

Freshman Adriene Vought won the average in the breakaway roping with a time of 7.2 seconds in two runs. She finished fourth in the long go with a 3.1 and third in the short go with a 4.1. Team member junior Erica Johnson turned in a third place finish in the average with a 7.5 on two.

In the goat tying contest, junior Nikki Bacon finished first in the average with a time of 14.9 seconds on two ties. She finished second in both the long and short go's with a 7.4 and 7.5 in each.

Sophomore Nicole Todd finished fourth in the average in the barrel racing event with a total time of 29.4 seconds. She finished first in the long go with a 14.53 and fourth in the short go with a 14.87. Junior Meredith Jones finished fourth in the average with a time of 29.38 seconds.

On the men's side, the third place finish is not what the top-Ozark Region team was looking for at home.

"We beat ourselves and made some mistakes," Luthi said. "This is a building deal and we will learn from it. If I was a betting man, I wouldn't bet on this happening again."

There were some successes from the men's team, however.

Sophomore Ty Atchison won the saddle bronc event with an average of 149 on two rides. He picked up a 75 in the long go and a 74 in the short.

In the steer wrestling, sophomore Boyd Quinley finished second in the long go with a time of 4.9 seconds and came in sixth in the average with a 4.9 on one.

Senior Jeff Feuhring finished third in the bareback riding long go with a score of 72 for his ride which gave him a fourth place finish in the average. Junior Russ Ratowski held on for a 69-point ride in the long go and senior Whit Ashe had a 71-point ride in the short go.

In bull riding, freshman Brent Menz was one of only three riders to post a score in the long go with a 74-point round. No one made the 8-second time in the short go, so Menz picked up the win in the average for the Skyhawk cowboys.

In the Ozark Region standings, the Skyhawk cowboys were able to increase their lead over second place Missouri Valley College to 757.5 points with a total of 4,882.5 so far. They are currently sitting in second place in the country behind the

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Skyhawks fall to Memphis in night game

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk baseball team dropped a 5-4 decision to visiting Memphis Wednesday night at Elam Stadium in Union City.

The loss was the sixth time the Skyhawks have lost a one-run decision and the 14th time the Skyhawks have played in a one-run game this season.

Robbie Goss singled in the top of the 11th inning and scored on Alex Fennell single to left field.

Fennell had three hits in the game, while Goss went 2-for-5 at the plate.

Memphis opened the game with a K.K. Chalmers home run in the first inning.

The Skyhawks took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning with two runs.

Lance Renton opened the inning with a double and scored on Jason Hockaday's single up the middle.

Hockaday scored on a wild pitch. Renton went 3-for-5 in the game with a run scored and an RBI.

Memphis tied the game in the top of the fourth, but the Skyhawks answered back in the bottom half of the inning with a run to take a 4-3 lead.

Memphis tied the game at 4-4 in the top half of the eighth inning.

Kyle Norrid scored the tying run when he scored from third on a throwing error.

Norrid reached base on an error and stole second base. He advanced to third when Joey Lieberman fouled out down the third base line.

Dusty Davis (2-0) picked up the pitching win for Memphis. He pitched three innings and gave up one hit. He struck out three batters. Josh Langley picked up his first save of the season.

Micky Dobson suffered the loss and falls to 2-3 on the year for the Skyhawks. Dobson pitched five innings in relief of Eric Walker.

He gave up three hits and one earned run. He struck out two.

The Skyhawks will return to Ohio Valley Conference action Saturday against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

Scheduling note:

**Next Monday,
April 17, the
Skyhawk softball
game against
Belmont has
been cancelled.
The game has
not been
rescheduled.**

Skyhawk golfers struggle in first round, finish eighth at Belmont

Jason Bohanan
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The Skyhawk golf team finished eighth at the Comfort Inn and Suites Belmont Intercollegiate April 3-4 after falling behind early and struggling to recover after a disappointing first round.

"The first round we played was awful," head coach Jerry Carpenter said. "We just spotted everybody about 10 strokes in the first round and you can't do that and make a recovery."

Poor weather had a severe

effect on the tournament, which was played at the Old Natchez Country Club in Franklin.

"I'm going to say this in defense of everybody, the first day was played on a very wet course and with 25 mph winds," Carpenter said. "The conditions were not ideal at all."

"The wind was blowing 20 or 30 mph," said sophomore Robert Lents, who tied for first among UTM golfers. "It was hard to put the ball on the green."

The team's play improved

in the second and third rounds. The Skyhawks' third round score was fourth best.

The Skyhawks again struggled on par-3s, although Carpenter said the team made some improvements. "It was a small improvement, but par-3s still hurt us scoring wise," he said.

The Skyhawks led all teams in eagles, carding five for the tournament.

"I would say that consistency has been a problem. We've played as well

as anybody at times, but at other times we've struggled," Carpenter said.

Belmont, the host, won the tournament with an 854. Eastern Kentucky was second with an 866 while Tennessee Tech placed third with an 870. The Skyhawks carded an 890.

Tennessee Tech's Scott Stallings was the tournament's medalist after defeating Cleveland State's Steve Weir in a one hole playoff. Stallings and Weir both shot a three round 7-under-par 206.

Senior Reise Kelly and junior Jason Bell both shot an 11-over-par 224 and tied for

29th. Kelly carded rounds of 77, 73 and 74 while Bell had rounds of 77, 70 and 77.

Junior Trey McNeil tied for 48th with a 16-over-par 229 on rounds of 75, 79 and 75.

Freshman Bradley Stevens finished 51st with a 17-over-par 230 on rounds of 79, 78 and 73.

The Skyhawks return to the greens at the St. Louis University Billiken Invitational at Gateway National Golf Course in Madison, Ill. April 9-11.